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ITALY.

Alterations in sanitary measures concerning articles from plague-infected countries.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., January 30, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose for your information copy of a note from the Italian ambassador at this capital reporting alterations in the sanitary measures of Italy concerning articles coming from countries infected with the bubonic plague.

Respectfully,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure—Translation.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., January 24, 1900.

SIR: Referring to your note of December 23 last, I have the honor to communicate to your excellency the following telegram, which I have received from the royal ministry of the interior, containing alterations in the sanitary measures concerning articles coming from countries infected with the bubonic plague.

"By to-day's Ordinance of Maritime Health, No. 1, it is provided that animal hair shall not henceforth be included in the articles, the importation of which from places infected with the bubonic plague is prohibited; such hair may consequently be freely imported into the kingdom. Paragraph D of Article 4, of the Ordinance of Maritime Health of May 8, 1897, No. 3, and of the Ordinance of December 3, 1899, No. 16, is amended in this sense. Rome, January 24, 1900."

Respectfully,
Hon. JOHN HAY, Secretary of State.

FAVA, Ambassador.

Reports from Naples.

NAPLES, ITALY, January 17, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to inform you that for the week ended January 17, 1900, the following ships were inspected: On January 12 the steamship *Kaiser Wilhelm II*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound, with passengers and cargo, for New York. There were inspected and passed 85 cabin and 348 steerage passengers and 95 pieces of large and 356 pieces of small baggage. On January 17 the Italian bark *Leonardo* bound, with cargo, for Norfolk, Va. On January 17 the steamship *Patria*, of the Fabre Line, bound, with passengers and cargo, for New York. There were inspected and passed 346 steerage passengers and 89 pieces of large and 224 pieces of small baggage.

The Italian authorities at this port now disinfect vessels coming from Marseilles, on account of the smallpox which prevails at the latter port. The steamship *Patria*, which arrived here two days ago and which sails to-day for New York, went through this process, the whole operation being completed in about an hour.

Respectfully,

VICTOR G. HEISER,
Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Report from Genoa.

GENOA, ITALY, January 22, 1900.

SIR: I have the honor to submit the following report for the week ended January 21: The steamship *Werra*, North German Lloyd Line,